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To whom it may concern,

I believe Microsoft should be punished to the full extent of the law (don't settle!) for its blatant monopolistic tactics.

My name is Theodore Kisner, and I am an experimental physicist at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Every day I encounter problems and setbacks that are a direct result of the monopolistic stranglehold that Microsoft has on the entire computing world.

These problems range from hardware that only comes with "Windows" drivers (I use Linux for everything). To specialized software that only runs on Windows. (Software companies have no reason to make a version that runs on any other operating system, because Microsoft is so dominant).

The only partial competition Microsoft has (and only in the server market) is from Linux. If the only way an operating system can compete with Windows is if it's FREE, then that's a good indication of a monopoly!

If Microsoft is continually allowed to get away with Murder, the big losers will be the citizens of this (supposedly) free country. Right now the only freedom I have is the freedom to buy more Microsoft products...

Thank you for your time,

-Theodore Kisner